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Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration of Barbados[1] and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[2] adopted by the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, and recalling also its resolution 49/122 of 19 December 1994 on the Global Conference,

Recalling also its resolutions 58/213 A of 23 December 2003 and 58/213 B of 10 June 2004,

Recalling further the offer by the Government of Mauritius to host the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,

Welcoming the preparatory activities undertaken at the national, regional and international levels for the International Meeting,

1. *Recalls* its decision to convene the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States from 10 to 14 January 2005;[3]

2. *Decides* to hold two days of informal consultations in Mauritius, on 8 and 9 January 2005, to facilitate the effective preparation of the International Meeting;

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap I, resolution 1, annex I.

[2] Ibid., annex II.

[3] See resolution 58/213 B.

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3. *Urges* that representation and participation at the International Meeting be at the highest level;

4. *Takes note* of the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development,[4] which convened a preparatory meeting for the International Meeting;

5. *Approves* the organization of work and annotated agenda of the International Meeting, as contained in the note by the Secretary-General;[5]

6. *Expresses its appreciation* for the contributions made to the voluntary trust fund established for the purpose of assisting small island developing States to participate fully and effectively in the International Meeting and its preparatory process, as approved by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2003/55 and decision 2003/283, and urges all Member States and organizations to contribute generously to the fund;

7. *Decides* that non-governmental organizations whose work is relevant to the subject of the International Meeting that are not currently accredited to the Economic and Social Council may submit applications to participate as observers in the International Meeting not later than 31 October 2004, subject to the approval of the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session, and reiterates that the participation of major groups, including non-governmental organizations, in the International Meeting shall be in accordance with rule 65 of the provisional rules of procedure of the International Meeting;[6]

8. *Reiterates* its request that the Secretary-General strengthen the Small Island Developing States Unit within the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat to enable it to effectively assist in the preparations for the comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States[2] and in the implementation of the outcome of the International Meeting, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to strengthen the Unit and the Small Island Developing States Network by providing the resources and professional and support staff necessary to undertake a broad range of functions in support of the system-wide implementation of the Programme of Action and the outcome of the International Meeting, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 123 of the Programme of Action[2] and as called for in General Assembly resolutions 56/198 of 21 December 2001 and 57/262 of 20 December 2002;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session, under the item entitled "Sustainable development", a sub-item entitled "Further implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: follow-up to the outcomes of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States", and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session the report of the International Meeting.

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[4] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2004, Supplement No. 29* (E/2004/29).

[5] To be issued.

[6] A/58/567 and corr.1.